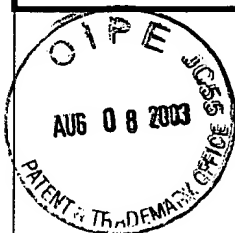


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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: **\$465.00**☒ A check including the fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **13-4300**. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.I am the ☐ applicant/inventor☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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